

House Concurrent Resolution No. 21

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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2 **Whereas**, members of the National Guard as active duty military service members
3 serve our nation at the call of the President of the United States in time of national emergency
4 and in homeland defense initiatives; and

5 **Whereas**, members of the National Guard take an oath and serve at the call of the
6 President and the Governors in times of emergency; and

8 **Whereas**, retired National Guard members with a minimum of 20 years of service
9 receive entitlements similar to those of active duty military retiree's, including monthly
10 retirement checks, prescription medical services, and access to worldwide space-available
11 military travel; and

13 **Whereas**, members of the National Guard are compensated and receive base pay
14 and allowances funded by the United States Department of Defense based on the same
15 compensation programs as active duty military personnel; and

17 **Whereas**, as a result of the extended service provided by members of the Missouri
18 National Guard in support of the nation in times of national emergency, retired members with
19 a minimum of 20 years of service with the National Guard should receive the same United States
20 Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) entitlements as an active duty military retiree,
21 including access to Missouri state veterans homes and veterans administration hospitals and
22 USDVA prescription medical benefits:

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24 **Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the members of the House of
25 Representatives of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
26 concurring therein, hereby urge the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to amend their
27 current policies and rules to provide reimbursement to the State of Missouri for National Guard
28 member-related costs for stays in Missouri state veterans homes, and to allow National Guard
29 veterans with a minimum of 20 years of service to participate in the per diem program and
30 receive treatment and service at United States Department of Veterans Affairs veterans hospitals
31 and receive prescription medical benefits in the same manner as active duty military veterans;
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34 **Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
35 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Anthony
36 J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.